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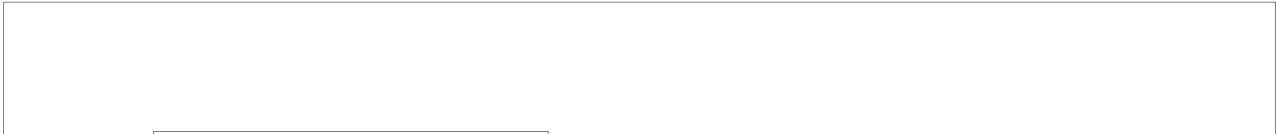
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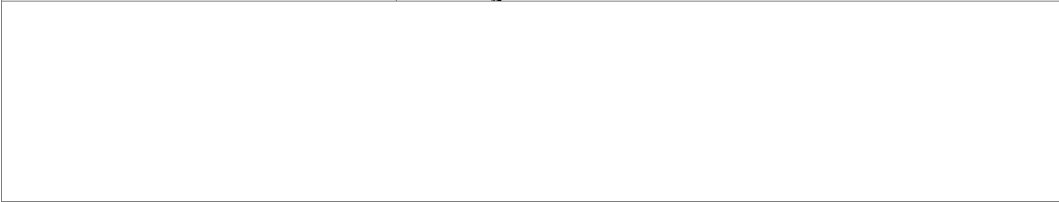
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Hung ry's security system on its western frontier



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SUBJECT: HUNGARY- New alarm system
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At the beginning of September 1952, the barbed-wire entanglement and mine system along the Austro-Hungarian frontier was completed. Between SODOPON and HEGYESHALOM, a third system was added to the existing security system. Heretofore, the "iron curtain" consisted of barbed-wire entanglements, pressure mines, and ^(a series of) signal rockets which

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went off when unauthorized persons [trying to cross the border] touched a certain wire system.

The innovation consists of the following: between two guard towers, 100 meters inside the frontier and parallel to the above-mentioned security system, a ~~thin~~ wire has been stretched about 25 centimeters above the ground. This very thin but strong wire is not easily discovered with the naked eye, even in daylight. The two ends of the wire are each connected to an alarm box located in one of the guard towers. This alarm box has small plates placed in a vertical position.

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As soon as the above-mentioned wire is touched, the plates in the alarm box drop into a horizontal position and cause a light to go on. The electro-technical system in the alarm box enables the guards to determine at once at which point the wire has been touched. For every 100 meters of barbed wire stretched between the guard towers a light bulb lights up in the alarm box. Immediately the searchlights are turned in the direction indicated and the machine-guns open fire. This system reportedly is to be extended along the entire western border of Hungary.

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During the summer months, the pressure mines near the barbed wire were replaced by mines of new type. These latter mines are weather-resistant; they do not rust as the earlier type did. The rust which in the old mines used to form in their detonation system often prevented them to explode.

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